

ENGAGING WITH VISITING SCIENTISTS AND TECHNOLOGISTS

TERMS AND CONDITIONS 2024 ¹

1. OBJECT

This call aims to strengthen the capacities of the country's qualified human resources through interaction with scientists and technologists with proven experience living abroad to contribute to the generation of new scientific or technological knowledge.

Funding will be provided for scientists or technologists from abroad to carry out different training/capacity-building activities.

Mode 1:

Training activities within a national postgraduate program (master's or doctorate) in the following areas of interest: Advanced Digital Technologies, Biotechnology, Green Technologies, Education Sciences, and Climate Change.

Mode 2:

2.1 Technical and professional training activities in the following areas of interest: Advanced Digital Technologies, Biotechnology, Green Technologies, Education Sciences, and Climate Change.

2.2 Agreement with the Training and Capacity-building Program for Public Health Care Providers (FoRHSa).

2. Requirements

To apply for funding, you must meet all of the following requirements. Additional requirements must be met based on the mode of participation selected.

- ANII will finance the visit of experts based abroad whose knowledge and skills are not available in the country or who are considered leaders in the field to strengthen national capacities in those areas.
- The plan of activities to be carried out should include a training/capacity-building activity lasting between 4 and 30 days.
- The training/capacity-building activity may include a final assessment and award of a certificate of approval or attendance, as appropriate.
- The resumé of the guest foreign experts and a letter of commitment from them to participate in the activity must be enclosed in the plan.

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- The proposing institution and the participants must submit the corresponding endorsement letters.
- Experts with regular employment ties to the applicant institution will not be funded.
- Not to have been disqualified by resolution of the Board of Directors for non-compliance with Agency programs.
- Each proposal must appoint a person responsible for executing the plan and who has a contractual relationship with the applicant institution. This person will liaise between the experts and ANII. The person executing the proposal must submit a resumé in CVUy format (<https://cvuy.anii.org.uy/>).

3. ITEMS TO BE FUNDED

The following items may be funded for experts from abroad:

- Economy class ticket (round trip).
- Travel expenses (lodging, meals, and transfers) based on the number of nights spent in the country. The maximum daily amount will be UYU 5,600.

The maximum amount to be granted is UYU 320,000 per activity.

Expenses incurred before the approval of the proposal by ANII's Board of Directors will not be accepted.

4. Application

There will be a call for proposals. Applications must be submitted by filling out the form prepared by ANII for this purpose.

5. EVALUATION

Once the call for applications is closed, the eligibility assessment will be carried out. Proposals that do not comply with the formal requirements outlined in these terms and conditions at the closing of the call will be considered ineligible and will not continue in the evaluation process. The person responsible for the execution of that proposal will be notified accordingly.

The eligibility criteria will consider the application being submitted in due time and form, including the endorsement letters signed by the head of the institution as appropriate (e.g., in the case of universities, the deans). [Digital signatures certified](#) by the Electronic Certification Unit (UCE) will also be accepted.

Applications will be evaluated by an Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (CES), whose members are appointed by ANII's Board of Directors and approved by the National Council for Innovation, Science and Technology (CONICYT).

The evaluation criteria will contemplate the following aspects:

- Relevance of the proposal about the selected area of interest (for the corresponding modalities): the proposal submitted must be justified and contribute to the corresponding field and/or seek to strengthen the country's human resources in the selected field.
- Experience of visiting experts.
- Training/capacity-building activity to be carried out.

- Contribution of the training/capacity-building activity.
- Budget estimated.

The CES may modify the budget of a proposal if it considers that such an item is not pertinent.

Priority will be given to training activities open to institutions other than the one submitting the proposal so as to maximize the impact of the visiting expert(s) in developing national capacities. ANII may promote the activities to all institutions that may benefit from them.

Proposals that articulate academia and the national productive and social sector will be given priority. Proposals submitted by visiting experts from the Uruguayan diaspora will be especially considered.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Mode 1:

BENEFICIARIES: All national public and private non-profit institutions involved in teaching and research activities may apply for funding to participate in training/capacity-building activities within the framework of a national postgraduate program (master's or doctorate) in the following areas of interest: Advanced Digital Technologies, Biotechnology, Green Technologies, Education Sciences, Climate Change.

A letter from the graduate program indicating which graduate program the activity is part of must be submitted. The training/capacity-building activity must include a final assessment and award of a certificate of approval.

ITEMS TO BE FUNDED: ANII may cover up to 80% of the total cost of the activity up to a maximum of UYU 320,000. The applicant institution must cover the remaining 20%, which may include items such as promotion, materials, and supplies, among others. Teaching and administrative hours of staff employed by the institution will not be accepted as contributions.

Mode 2:

2.1 Technical and professional training activities in the following areas of interest: Advanced Digital Technologies, Biotechnology, Green Technologies, Education Sciences, and Climate Change.

BENEFICIARIES: National organizations whose mission includes the development and consolidation of a particular industry or sector, such as trade associations, chambers of commerce, technology centers, farming associations or cooperatives, and state-owned companies, may apply for funding.

Requirements: The information on CVUy may be supplemented with the resumé in a different format.

ITEMS TO BE FUNDED: ANII may cover up to 80% of the total cost of the activity, up to a maximum of UYU 320,000. The applicant institution must cover the remaining 20%, which may include items such as promotion, materials, and supplies, among others. Teaching and administrative hours of staff employed by the applicant institution will not be accepted as contributions.

2.2 Technical-professional training activities under the FoRHSa Program

Objective: This instrument's objective is to strengthen the capacities of human resources in the UDA Program (Teaching Assistance Units) by collaborating with experts who live abroad.

BENEFICIARIES: The Executing Units of ASSE, the Hospital de Clínicas - School of Medicine, and the Central Hospital of the Armed Forces that have active UDA Projects in place under the FoRHSa Program at the closing date of the call for proposals may apply for funding.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: The training initiatives must relate to the development area of the corresponding UDA Project and be among the areas prioritized by the FoRHSa Program (according to the Program Resolution of March 18, 2021), related to the quality of care, or enhancing the patient's experience.

Proposals should include at least one activity open to professionals from all fields.

Each proposal must include a person responsible for its execution who must be an active professional involved in a UDA project within the framework of the FoRHSa Program. A letter signed by the UDA Sub-program Coordination shall be submitted as evidence. This person will liaise between the experts and ANII.

The person can supplement the information on CVUy with their resumé in a different format.

ITEMS TO BE FUNDED: 100% of the total cost of the activity may be covered up to a maximum of UYU 320,000.

7. CONFIRMATION AND MONITORING OF THE ACTIVITY

An agreement will be signed between ANII and the person responsible for the execution of the proposal representing the selected institution.

All expenses charged to the project must fall within the implementation period. Ten percent of the approved costs will be withheld until these reports are submitted. It is worth mentioning that the expenses incurred on account of this amount must be included in the final project expense report.

Within 30 days after the completion of the activity, the person responsible for the execution must submit a final report of the tasks undertaken and, together with the institution, the corresponding expense report. Among other aspects, information must be provided on the number of

participants, the type of evaluation of the training/capacity-building activity, and the results obtained.

Any work resulting from or related to the selected proposals must be stored in the open-access digital repository of the partner institution in Uruguay of the person responsible for the proposal or, if there's no such institution, in ANII's Open Access Digital Repository (REDI)², as established in ANII's Open Access Regulations.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY

The application implies that ANII is authorized to communicate and disseminate in different channels (website, media, etc.), without time limitation and within the framework of its legal duties, the personal details of the applicant(s) (natural or legal entity), as well as information on the call and the project, such as project amount, ANII contribution, other contributions, abstract, partners and collaborating institutions, and other information or personal information necessary to ensure transparency in the fulfillment of ANII's legal duties, unless expressly classified as confidential. Within the framework of the agreements with CTFM and ForSHa, ANII and both institutions are authorized to disseminate information on the funded scholarships.

ANII will handle the data in accordance with its privacy policy and terms of use³.

9. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

An application implies full acceptance of these terms and conditions. ANII reserves the right to decide on any circumstance not expressly provided for therein without the right of appeal by the applicants.

² Available at <www.redi.anii.org.uy>.

³ Available at <<https://www.anii.org.uy/upcms/files/politica-de-privacidad-y-terminos-de-uso.pdf>>.